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MERRIAM WINS; COMMUNIST CAL. VOTE HIGHEST YET POLLED

18 SACRAMENTO C. S. "TRIALS" START NOV. 8th

INT'L. LABOR DEFENSE
CALLS AID; WORKERS
FACE 84-YR. TERMS

SACRAMENTO, Nov. 5.—One of the worst frame ups in California history, the trial of the eighteen workers facing Criminal Syndicalism charges, begins here Wednesday, Nov. 8.

Seventeen are still held in jail since the raids during July. Martin Wilson, organizer of the International Labor Defense was recently released on bail furnished by the I.L.D. He is now touring the state addressing groups of workers and sympathizers, rallying support to the statewide fight against the vicious C. S. law.

Albert Hougardy, Communist Party organizer and one of those held, has addressed a demand for investigation of the action of District Attorney Neil R. McAllister, who is engineering the frame up for California bosses, to U. S. Attorney General Webb. The demand calls for investigation of the following five points:

1.—The Pacific Gas and Electric Co., San Joaquin Farm Labor Bureau, Calif. Packing Corp., the Farmers' Association and the Industrial Ass'n., prior to the vigilante raids of July, banded together and raised money for the express purpose of carrying on a campaign of prosecution, red scare, propaganda and vigilante lawlessness against the rights of the workers to organize, strike and picket.

2.—Sacramento raids and arrests followed the organizing of a local branch of this group. The arrests followed vigilante threats

HERE'S WHO BACKED SINCLAIR'S PARTY IN ELECTIONS

Sinclair has made a great point of claiming his campaign has been financed by the nickels and dimes of workers, by the sale of his pamphlets, and books, and admissions to hear himself and Downey speak. This alone is his source of campaign funds, he claims, trying to prove that it is the mass demand of the working class which brought him out to run for Governor. "I," says Upton Sinclair, "wear no man's collar."

But here is a partial list of the "nickels and dimes of the workers" backing his campaign and that of other members of his party:

Joseph Goldie, head of a San Francisco brewery	\$1,000.00
E. C. Stoutenburgh, head of a cereal products company	1,000.00
Secretary of Treasury Morganthau	1,000.00
Jesse H. Jones, chairman R. F. C.	5,000.00
John Jones (Jesse's brother)	5,000.00
August A. Busch, St. Louis brewery owner	5,000.00
Erwin C. Uihlien, Milwaukee	5,000.00
Alabama State Democratic Executive Committee	4,000.00
Chas. Lederer, Chicago	2,500.00
Walter P. Chrysler, auto magnate	2,000.00
J. M. Patterson, New York	2,500.00
Julius Steiner, New York	1,500.00
J. J. O'Leary, New York	1,500.00

The above contributions to Sinclair's party were but a small part of the \$83,102 received and \$92,294 spent, according to their official report.

Continue Protest; Demand Safety for Thaelmann

The latest announcement of the Nazi Ministry of Justice in Germany states: "from now on the death sentence is automatic and obligatory for all those accused of treason against the state."

This should bring home to every worker the fact that when Ernst Thaelmann, the framed Communist Party leader in Germany, faces the bloody Nazi "People's Court," he is facing the executioner's axe. Only a mass campaign of protest by the workers of all countries has the power to prevent this murder.

Rigid censorship of all means of communication has made Germany a sealed country. That Thaelmann is scheduled to face trial at any moment, is beyond question. The exact date will not be known until many weeks after it has occurred. IT WILL BE FATAL IF YOU WAIT FOR THE EXACT DATE OF TRIAL BEFORE PROTESTING. Protest now!

Cable or write to the People's Court, Berlin, Germany, demanding the safety of Ernst Thaelmann and all other anti-fascist prisoners in your hands. Do not fail them!

ANGELO HERNDON TO SPEAK IN L.A. ON NOVEMBER 8

LOS ANGELES, Nov. 5.—Angelo Herndon, brilliant young Negro Communist under sentence to 18-20 years on a Georgia chain gang, will speak here on November 18 at the Mason Theater on behalf of the Scottsboro boys.

This word was received today from Anna Damon, acting national secretary of the International Labor Defense.

The affair here on Nov. 18 is the Eighth Annual I. L. D. Conference. Plans have already been started for a later mass meeting on Central Avenue, in the center of the Negro district, to further advance the campaign of mass protest which must be raised in order to save two of the Scottsboro boys, Haywood Patterson

FARMERS LOOSE AS 6,000,000 PIGS ARE SLAUGHTERED BY AAA

United Farmers' League Convention In Berkeley To Build Program of Action

DINUBA, Calif., Nov. 4.—Agricultural Adjustment Administration officials and Secretary of Agriculture Wallace, according to the capitalist press, are getting "tired" of explaining the "logic" behind the AAA program of crop reduction. Somehow, the "logic" does not click with the millions of dirt farmers who see prices soaring, yet do not get any more for their products than before.

Demanding the Right of Free Speech and Assembly in California Universities



Part of the crowd of 350 students assembled at Sather Gate, University of California, Berkeley, protesting the expulsion of five students at U.C.L.A. for their demanding an open forum to hear ball stars who scabbed during longshoremen's strikes.

Stockton Courts Balked In Move To Confiscate Bail

STOCKTON, Calif., Nov. 1.—When O. B. Powell, Section organizer of the Communist Party, was arrested on fake charges of "vagrancy," Judge Breitenbacher set his bail at \$1,000 cash and refused to accept bond. Following a writ filed by Leo Gallagher, International Labor Defense attorney, Judge Young of the Superior Court was forced to reduce bail to \$500 cash or \$1,000 property. But when a worker produced \$500 cash, the same judge refused to accept it, saying that the bail must be put up in the name of the defendant. This trick would have enabled them to confiscate the bail as a fine. Leo Gallagher warned against this condition.

When Powell was convicted, Judge Breitenbacher sentenced him to 180 days and a fine of \$360, which, if not paid, is to be served at a rate of \$2 per day. The conviction has been appealed, although Powell has already served the 180 days. If the bail had been put up in his name, the Judge could seize it for the fine.

Knowing that the frame up against Powell will never hold water when appealed to a higher court, City Attorney Grant and the courts are making every effort to prevent his release on bond because they want to force him to serve his full sentence before dismissal or retrial is granted.

When the appeal for this comrade comes up before Superior Judge Woodward, workers must pack the court room. Also write or wire protest to Assistant District Attorney Stanley and City Attorney Grant, City Hall, Stockton.

MASS MEETINGS TO HAIL 17th YEAR OF U.S.S.R.

LOS ANGELES, Nov. 7.—Sam Darcy, district organizer of the Communist Party who polled a big vote as the Party's candidate for Governor, will analyze the elections at the big celebration of the 17th Anniversary of the Russian Revolution at the Mason Theatre here tonight. The meeting, following on the intensive election campaign, is expected to be as good as the two recent meetings where Harold Ashe and Bob Minor spoke, which pampered the theatre with overflow meetings, as thousands of new workers will want to hear of the achievements of a workers' and farmers' government and which the Soviet Union has accomplished.

A concert, skits by the Workers' Laboratory Theatre and mass singing will complete the program.

In many other cities the 17th Anniversary celebrations will be held.

San Francisco. In San Francisco Ella Winter, noted writer on the U. S. S. R., Jack Olsen, organizer of the Young Communist League, and James Branch will be the speakers at a big rally at the Mission (Continued on Page 3, Col. 8.)

3500 AT BERKELEY U.C. MEET FIGHT UNIVERSITY FASCISM

BERKELEY, Calif., Nov. 6.—One hundred members of the faculty of the University of California at Los Angeles are reported to have signed a petition demanding the removal of Provost Ernest Carroll Moore for the dismissal of five student leaders who sought to organize an open forum on the campus.

More than 3,500 students thronged at Sather Gate, entrance to the campus of the University of California at Berkeley yesterday in a mass protest meeting during the one-hour strike against university fascism and the dismissals at both Los Angeles and Santa Clara. A small group of student hoodlums incited by Dr. Robert G. Sproul, university president, attacked speakers and strikers, seeking to block the powerful protest movement by intimidating the mass of students.

These student fascists consist largely of football players and athletes who scabbed on the waterfront during the longshoremen's strike. William Boone, football player and leader of the student vigilantes, is reported to have been one of the waterfront scabs.

Plan Second Meeting. The evident sympathy of the great majority of the students for

the protest movement and their indignation over the attack forced Monroe Deutsch, vice-president of the university, acting in President Sproul's absence, to backwater on the fascist stand taken by university heads and crawlfish to the strike committee, acknowledging their rights of free speech and censoring the student gangsters, who were openly incited to violence only the day before by university authorities.

The University Strike Committee is planning another mass protest meeting and a second strike. Steps are being taken to build an organization on the campus to protest the current spread of fascism through California schools and the encouragement by university heads of open gangsterism and violence by reactionary students.

At U.C.L.A. gangs of student fascists are patrolling the campus under the direct orders of Provost Ernest C. Moore, intimidating students and seeking to block all exercise of free speech or free assembly.

At San Mateo Junior College, student speakers were mobbed by hoodlum gangs when they attempted to address open meetings protesting the dismissals.

At Santa Clara University the (Continued on Page 3, Col. 7.)

L. A. STREET CAR MEN MAY STRIKE NOV. 8

LOS ANGELES, Nov. 6.—Having set Nov. 7 as the final day for their demands to be met, Los Angeles street car and electric railway employees are determined to strike if their demands are not granted.

The officials of the Amalgamated, finally forced into action by the rank and file of the membership, are however doing nothing to prepare for a strike, although the conditions are reported favorable for victory, and definite plans have not yet been made. The men forced the fight for better conditions on the job, shorter hours and more pay by a constant demand on the officials, while many other members had dropped out, disgusted with the lack of struggle.

Demands were submitted last week, and the Regional Labor Board has "recommended" that the Los Angeles Railway bargain with the Amalgamated as the sole representatives of the men, on the basis of the employees' election last January where the company union was repudiated.

Indicative of the attitude of the officials who are trying to prevent the struggle, is the statement of J. J. Morgan, union secretary, who declared the struggle would probably end in a compromise.

SCOTTSBORO FIGHT FACES SUPREME TEST IN CAMPAIGN

Only Your Protest Can Save Norris and Patterson from Electric Chair on Dec. 7

NEW YORK, Nov. 5.—The fight to save the lives of the nine Scottsboro boys is facing its most serious crisis in three and a half years of struggle. Clarence Norris and Haywood Patterson have been condemned to die in the electric chair on Dec. 7. The International Labor Defense is appealing to the U. S. Supreme Court for a review of the cases. The success of this appeal depends upon the building of a strong mass protest felt during the next thirty days.

Efforts of Samuel Liebowitz, New York criminal lawyer, to disrupt the defense at this crucial moment and turn the case to his own personal advantage failed when the Scottsboro boys themselves and their parents repudiated his actions and affirmed the I. L. D. as their official defenders.

Mass protest of the working class all over the world has prevented the legal murdering of

Anita Whitney Vote Retains Party On Ballot

Communist Vote In San Francisco Alone
Will Exceed 2,500 In Controller Race

WASHINGTON, Nov. 6.—The biggest Communist vote in American history is expected to be recorded today with a full slate of Communist candidates appearing in 43 states of the union.

In several of the other states where through trickery, technicalities or terrorism, the Communist Party was kept off the ballot, slates of workers' candidates were put up running on a Communist-endorsed platform.

The election is conceded to be one of the greatest importance and a record vote is expected. Democratic party heads are openly claiming the election to be actually a vote of confidence in Roosevelt's NRA and wage-cutting program, secure in the fact that in almost all places the stench of the last Republican administration is still so great that its candidates have no chance in most of the 47 states. The only opposition offered to these capitalist parties (which include the Socialist), is that of the Communist Party whose program in every state offers the only solution for the working classes in the present crisis and an improvement of their conditions.

The degeneration and open terrorist methods used by capitalist parties were sharply brought out in the coal mining town of Hazelton, Pa., where armed thugs attacked a rival political party and killed three and wounded at least twenty-five more. In Steele, Mo., another was killed and others wounded in a fight where Negroes were denied the right to vote on the pretext that they had been brought in from another state. In Atlantic City, N. J., 1,000 warrants were sworn out for more than 1,000 voters on the notorious "illegal registration" trick.

Extra mobilizations of police and various means of intimidation were used to try to keep down the protest vote against the Roosevelt hunger program. Realizing the strength of the "radical" vote, in many parts fake liberals have been put up to try to divert a part of that protest vote into safe channels. Sinclair in California is but one of many, though outstanding because the most obvious fake.

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 6.—As we go to press, the early returns from this city and Los Angeles indicate that Meriam has been re-elected governor; out of a total of 3,436 precincts for the two cities, Merriam polled 401,659, Sinclair 343,889.

Out of a total of 1,054 local precincts the returns for 900 precincts gave Merriam 94,995, Sinclair 72,686, and Haight 17,162.

From Los Angeles, conceded to be the stronghold of Sinclair, the returns from 3,187 precincts out of 3,547 show Merriam leading by a count of 377,302 to Sinclair's 328,293.

The tale of this election, with a record-breaking vote cast throughout the state, is not to be seen, however, in the light of a contest between two capitalist candidates.

The early returns from all sections of San Francisco, and other parts of the state, show that the frantic efforts of Sinclair to get himself into office, as well as Merriam's now notorious attack on him as being a "sort of Communist," resulted in great confusion on the part of the workers. Tabulation sheets showed that workers, fooled by this lying campaign, voted heavily for Sinclair and then voted the rest of the Communist ticket straight.

Despite this fact, however, the early vote will run higher than previously.

The other candidates on the Communist platform are led by Anita Whitney, running for Controller against Ray Riley, author of the infamous sales tax, and her total, from early indications, will be sufficient to retain the position of the Communist Party on the ballot.

The San Francisco vote should (Continued on Page 3, Col. 7.)

CLAY NAFF, PORTER JAILED IN PHOENIX, OUT ON HIGH BAIL

PHOENIX, Ariz., Nov. 4.—Release on \$1,200 bail was obtained for Clay Naff Wednesday, who is held on charges of "riot" as a result of the bloody attack made on the ERA picket line by officers and thugs under direct orders from Governor B. B. Moore on Sept. 6.

Naff is the Communist candidate for Governor of Arizona in the election to be held Nov. 6.

James Porter, militant Negro worker and Communist candidate for Secretary of State, arrested at the same time, was released Tuesday in custody of his attorney, Thomas J. Croaff.

Porter's trial date is set for November 23rd in Judge Speakman's court, as are the trial dates for 27 other workers, jailed in the ERA strike.

Felix Garcia, another defendant, also was released in custody of Attorney Croaff because of sickness in his family.

Gunderson, worker arrested at the time of the strike for "resisting an officer" and previously convicted in police court, was taken to the Superior Court. Gunderson refused the aid of the International Labor Defense attorneys in his defense, preferring to throw himself on the mercy of the court.

International Labor Defense attorneys in charge of the defense of the twenty-eight workers, charged with "riot" are: Clarence Lynch, Grover Johnson from Los Angeles, and Thomas J. Croaff, wartime president of the Arizona State Federation of Labor and prominent labor attorney.

East of the Rockies

Dye Strikers Move to Extend Walkout

PATERSON, N. J., Nov. 1.—With employers offering only 64 cents per hour for a 46-hour week, negotiations failed to end the strike of 30,000 New Jersey dye workers. The Dyers' Institute (employers) is set upon a policy of breaking the 100 per cent unionization of the industry. The Federation of Silk Dyers and Finishers has sent out calls and is preparing to spread the strike throughout Pennsylvania and Rhode Island.

Southern Textile Workers Demand Re-Strike

CHARLOTTE, N. C., Nov. 1.—Locals of the United Textile Workers' Union from eight mills of the Concord, Charlotte, and Gastonia areas demanded permission of union officials for an immediate re-strike at a meeting of the Western Carolina Textile Council last week. Officials are maneuvering for further postponements but the rank and file is determined to strike over their heads if action is not forthcoming.

The Executive Committee of the U.T.W., headed by the sell-out artist Gorman, has already been forced to sanction 28 mill strikes throughout the East to prevent rank and file action from taking control out of their hands.

Kentucky Negroes, Whites Demonstrate

COVINGTON, Ky., Nov. 1.—For the first time in the history of this city, Negroes and whites demonstrated side by side last week demanding adequate relief, payment of rent and issuance of winter clothing. The demonstration of 650 workers was led by the Unemployment Councils.

700 Workers Halt Eviction

DANVILLE, Pa., Nov. 1.—Seven hundred workers assembled before the home of Herbert Buck on Canal St. last week to halt the second time forced Constable Young to postpone the eviction and sheriff sale. The sale has been postponed until Wednesday at which time workers will again mobilize to stop the sale.

Green Report Shows Jobless Increase

WASHINGTON, Nov. 1.—An unemployment increase of 847,000 during the New Deal Year from September, 1933, to September, 1934, is shown in a report submitted by William Green, A. F. of L. national president. The fact that Green, a Roosevelt booster, is inclined to minimize the figures as much as possible is evidence of the seriousness of the crisis. The total number of unemployed admitted in the Green report is 10,955,000.

New Fascist Racket Looms in Alabama

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., Nov. 1.—An open fascist group has appeared on the scene in Birmingham calling themselves the American Fascistic Order of Black Shirts. The official organ, "The Alabama Black Shirt," was issued and distributed here last week. The group lists its commander as T. E. Brooks who has announced a drive for 100,000 members.

SOUTHERN PACIFIC TRIES FORCE MEN TO VOTE MERRIAM

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 3.—Under the guise of the Southern Pacific Club, the Southern Pacific railway has informed their employees that they expect them to vote for Merriam. Not in so many words, but the printed matter that came with their letter was the thing that told us how to vote; not only for ourselves, but our friends and relatives also.

Let me quote just two paragraphs of this letter:

"The situation is not political. It is essentially economic; it is a payroll question. Is California—with the assistance of and in co-operation with the national government—to return to prosperity in a sane and normal way, or shall its industries, including the company for which you work, be crippled or wrecked by untimely, impracticable and visionary schemes that are Communistic in result?"

"By national law, labor has succeeded in shutting out oriental and other immigration which would lower standards of living and depress wage levels."

The letter would leave one with the impression that the foreign born are the cause of lower wages, etc.

What we want to know, is this recent lay-off of 60% of our shopmen here in San Francisco also caused by the immigration they speak about? Did we make a loan of 10% of our wages to the Orientals? No, we made it to these big capitalists, that control our wages and railroad companies. Did the company say, when they laid us off, that we could have the 10% they took from our pay for the past two years when they let us go? No, they did not, even though the Southern Pacific made profit in the month of September of one million dollars.

Let us answer these big boys by organizing. JOIN THE COMMUNIST PARTY! Don't let them split us up, one race against the other.

Read the WESTERN WORKER and Friday issue of the DAILY for RAILROAD NEWS. —Railroad Worker.

Red China Currency On Sale At Worker Book Shop

The Workers' Book Shop at 37 Grove St., San Francisco, has already sold 27 Soviet China one dollar bills at face value. The proceeds from the sale of this currency will go to aid the heroic Chinese Red Army in its fight against the reactionary forces of Chiang Kai-Shek and the foreign imperialists.

The Workers' Bookshop has recently been enlarged and re-furnished. The new shop is so arranged that workers can examine the large stock of working class literature conveniently. Many books and pamphlets are on sale describing the struggle of the Chinese workers, the Red Army and Soviet China.

How Cotton Farmers Were Swindled

Bankers Hold Small Growers In Deadly Stranglehold

By PAUL ORR
California Organizer, United Farmers' League

Some fifteen years ago when the price of cotton was high a few farmers of the San Joaquin Valley decided to try their luck with cotton, planting several hundred acres of Pima variety. They established a cotton producers' co-op and set up a gin. From this small acreage of a decade and a half ago California farmers now produce around 200,000 bales on as many acres of fertile San Joaquin Valley land. Now 3,000 farmers are following the example of these eight farmers in the production of this basic necessity in our life today.

This development has made cotton a leading crop in five large counties of the principal agricultural area of California. Reasons for this are not difficult to find. A hot dry climate, new and fertile soil plus irrigation and minus the ravages of the boll weevil gave advantages to the California cotton grower. In addition cotton prices encouraged expansion.

* Migratory Workers

The labor problem, at first acute, was solved by the migratory workers engaged in following the various fruit crops. With the expansion of cotton growing more and more Mexican workers were brought in to tend and pick the cotton.

Now that some 3,000 California farmers have been lured into growing cotton the situation has changed. Predatory interests have descended on the backs of these small growers and sharecroppers. These predatory interests include the gins, finance, power and big land companies such as California Lands Inc. (Bank of America holdings), Hoover (former President of the U.S.A.), Farms of San Joaquin Valley, J. Boswell Land and Water Co. (Citizens National Bank of Los Angeles holdings), to mention but a few. The same forces that exploit and rob the small growers and sharecroppers of the South are extending their hold now to the small California cotton growers.

* Finance Companies Getting Stranglehold.

Cotton, as compared with certain crops like wheat and other grains, requires a great deal of laborious care in bringing it to the harvest. The harvesting is very tedious and as the vast bulk is still picked by hand adds greatly to the cost of production. Thus gangs of workers are required at chopping and picking seasons and then a great deal of help is needed in cultivating and irrigating the growing cotton. The average small grower does not have sufficient capital to pay all his help without coming to the bank or finance company. This is where the stranglehold begins. At the beginning of the season the small grower is forced to seek aid from the finance company, which is usually a ginning company. A contract is drawn up which forces the small grower to give a crop mortgage and rigidly budget his spending for the ensuing season. He has to agree to sell his cotton

Leading Huge Harlem Demonstration



One of the many demonstrations held in New York for the freedom of the Scottsboro boys, a scene repeated in many other cities as the nationwide campaign grows.

only to this ginning company including his cotton seed as well. The farmer can then get advances as he needs them for preparing his ground, planting, chopping, cultivating, irrigating, picking and his own living expenses.

To get these advances the farmer has to hedge his cotton; which means he has to sell a few bales of futures before he can get money advanced for any of the above needs. Thus most of his crop is already sold to this finance company before a bale is actually picked. The bank takes advantage of him as he is forced to sell his cotton no matter what the price may be. Usually it rises considerably as the financial group gets control of most of it. As with most of our produce the price seldom goes up while in our hands.

He is charged an exorbitant price for the ginning; he is docked usually 4% for dirt and parts of the bolls left in the cotton; he is forced to sell them his cotton seed at their prices and they in turn get the lint from off the seeds. The farmer is even forced to buy his seed for planting from them at their fancy prices. If the small grower is not able to pay off his debts to the company after selling his cotton to them, he is forced to assign finance through them the following year.

These finance companies even dictate the price the growers must pay the workers at picking time. They even demand the right to themselves pay the electric power bills and labor, if they think the farmer will not abide by the decisions of the ginning companies and big growers as to rates of pay. This is being done this year in order to break the influence of the Cannery and Agricultural Workers' Industrial Union. The small growers agreed to the price of \$1.00 per 100 pounds set by the Union but the big growers and ginning companies set the price to be paid by the growers at 90 cents. The small growers have no grievance against the workers and are co-operating with them in carrying on a fight against their common exploiters.

Small Farmers Must Gain Control In Co-ops

cotton history" and grow on it as much as the provisions allow.

* United Farmers' League Leads In Fight.

The small growers are rallying to the banner of the United Farmers' League program of freeing the small and middle growers from the toils of finance and power companies. The Farmers' Emergency Relief Bill (HR #9967) with its provisions for adequate crop production loans without interest and payable only after cost of production and a fair standard of living has been secured is being well received. Cancellation of debts is also becoming popular.

The U.F.L. calls for a struggle against the exorbitant rates and "demand" charge of the power companies. The small growers are demanding the abolition of this annual tribute in the form of the "demand" charge and a 50% cut in rates.

Growers are turning more to straight government loans or are joining the California Cotton Co-op Association to get better terms on financing. Neither of these free the farmers from the toils of finance capital. This co-op, as with most produce co-ops in California, has its faults. It is not a co-op solely of small and middle growers and it is tied to the capitalist system of financing. But through it the small growers can finance more easily. It can be made more democratic and can become a real instrument in the hands of the small growers if more of them take an interest in its affairs, attend the annual and district meetings and see that small growers are elected as directors. Through such a co-op the small growers can fight more effectively for lower power rates. They can oppose and certainly expose legislation directed against their interests as the Bankhead Act and the AAA program of reduction.

* "Farmers Weekly" Must Be Supported.

In exposing the role of the finance, ginning and power companies the small and middle cotton farmers must have a farm paper that will back their fight. There is no other one than the "Farmers Weekly." Small cotton growers subscribe to "your" farm paper. Send in further articles telling how you are exploited and how the Farmers Emergency Relief Bill can help you. Members of the Co-operative endorse this bill at your annual meeting and make the "Farmers Weekly" the organ of the Co-operative. Support the program of the United Farmers' League for cancellation of debts, free crop production loans and lower power rates.

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Foreign News Briefs

Irish Workers Demand Release of Thaelmann

DUBLIN, Ireland, Nov. 1.—The cordial welcome extended by the de Valera government to the new Nazi Minister, Wilhelm von Kuhlmann, was in sharp contrast to the militant, anti-fascist demonstrations by Irish workers that have dogged the steps of the Nazi envoy since the time he set foot in Ireland. At every turn the workers fling in his face the demand that Thaelmann and all other anti-fascist prisoners be released.

Negro Elected to High Post in Soviet Union

MOSCOW, Nov. 1.—Among the Negroes who hold important posts in the Soviet Republics is an African Negro who has been elected to the All-Soviet Central Council of Trade Unions. Formerly a teacher in South Africa, this scholar is master of seven African dialects as well as excellent English and Russian.

Duce to Be the Whole Works in New Set-Up

ROME, Nov. 1.—When Mussolini's newly invented "corporate system of government" starts functioning on Nov. 10, the Duce will occupy all twenty-two of the most important posts. The new arrangement of fascist control is announced by Mussolini as an "economic and political revolution" and described it as Italy's form of the N.R.A. Making for further centralization of control in the hands of Italian capitalists, the plan is designed to cope with the rising tide of protest throughout Italy against a rapidly falling standard of living.

German Youth Try Escape Forced Labor

BERLIN, Nov. 1.—Draft edict of the Hitler government forcing all young men under 25 into labor concentration camps has resulted in thousands hastening to marry in order to escape the first call which includes only single men. These camps, which are the German edition of American C.C.C. camps, are to be made universal for all young men in the coming year. A second edict has been issued declaring that men who marry following draft notification are not exempted.

90,000,000 to Vote In U. S. S. R.

MOSCOW, U.S.S.R., Nov. 4.—More than 90,000,000 workers and farmers will participate in the coming elections next month for local Soviet members and representatives to the All-Union Congress of Soviets. Included among them will be a new group numbering more than six million who largely represent former antagonistic kulak and petty bourgeois elements, won over to the Soviet system since the last election.

Former Pacifist In New War Move

LONDON, Nov. 2.—Trying to halt the well known disaffection in the army and navy, which has broken out sporadically in different corps since Invergordon, Ramsey McDonald's sedition bill was passed today by the House of Commons. The bill gives full power to the government "to prevent civilians from spreading disaffection among the forces" that are the bulwark of British imperialism.

French Fear Nazi Putsch In Saar

PARIS, Nov. 4.—There is widespread expectation here that the German Nazis will try to engineer a "putsch" in the Saar, and seize the territory without allowing a vote to be held in January to determine whether the Saar is to remain under the League of Nations or to be joined to Germany. Nazi troops are said to be secretly drifting into the Saar, ready to engineer an uprising. As an offset to this, the French are reported deploying their troops near the Saar borders to be ready to enter and take control on a two-hours notice.

Literature and ... Book Reviews

By ELLA WINTER

APPOINTMENT IN SAMARRA, by John O'Hara. Harcourt, Brace & Co., \$2.50.

This book has on the title page a quotation from a play by Somerset Maugham: "A man is terrified by the sight of Death in the form of a woman on the streets of Baghdad. The man immediately took his master's horse and fled to Samarra. 'I was surprised to see him in Baghdad,' said Death, 'because I had an appointment with him tonight in Samarra.'"

The book is the story of the decline and despairing dissolution of a group of society people who drink, dance, spend most of their time at the country club or in sexual adventures, and end up with the loss of any ideals they may have had. Julian English, wealthy Cadillac salesman, throws a drink in the face of a man he hates at the club; his wife can't stand the racket any more and leaves him—though they love each other; a bootlegger's woman gets caught in the net and threatens to kill herself or his master; English's subordinate will probably lose his job, and finally English commits suicide by inhaling carbon monoxide from his own Cadillac when completely drunk.

The lives of the chief characters are given in some detail. But they are all people who live on the apex of a pyramid with no idea of the forces pushing them to and fro, with no inkling of the existence of the millions who make their wealth possible, with no belief in themselves or other human beings.

There is no purpose to their lives. They don't even enjoy their flirtations or their drinks.

The book is written in a hard, brilliant, terse style that fits its subject. O'Hara has written for a number of years in the New Yorker. He has had the honesty to show in his first novel the mental bankruptcy of a decaying ruling class.

English's suicide was as useless and unnecessary as his life, and the lives of those about him. Not even suicide has maintained the heroism it had in the days of Socrates and the heroes and heroines of grand opera.

Int. Ladies' Garment Union Repudiates Green Red Drive

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 2.—The red-baiting activities of the Manufacturing and Wholesalers Association of San Francisco, the San Francisco Labor Council and William Green have received a slap in the face administered by the International Ladies Garment Workers Union of San Francisco.

The manufacturers, through the S. F. Labor Council, sent the garment workers Green's letter demanding ousting of all Communists. The manufacturers would submit to similar action to see if the members were living up to the traditions of Americanism which they advocate.

"That there are Communists in our Union, we do not deny," the garment workers wrote. "Our union admits to membership all workers in the trade, regardless of political or economic philosophy, race, creed or color. All that we ask of our membership is that they conduct themselves as loyal members. We do not inquire as to their economic philosophy or political affiliations."

World Events and Western Workers

Main Antagonisms That Disrupt the Naval Conference — Japanese-American Rivalries and Ratios — Why the Demand for Naval Parity — The Oil Monopoly In Manchuria

announcement of a Japanese "Monroe Doctrine," which means that Japanese imperialism intends to dominate China and the adjoining Asiatic countries.

4. And last, but most important of all, is the tremendous rise of the power of the Soviet Union, which puts a hedge to Japanese aggression in the northern portion of the continent. This factor is distinctly unfavorable to the plans of the Japanese warmongers, and they would very much like to be rid of it.

* Mandated Islands.

In the past few years Japan has been able to utilize the contradictions between the two imperialist giants, England and the United States, to her own advantage. But this forceful and rapid carrying out of the line of the Tanaka Memorandum must eventually lead to a major war and the preliminary jockeying for position is now taking place.

* Anti-Soviet Front.

The central theme of Japanese policy is now in the direction of lining up the anti-Soviet front. She has formed a very close alliance with fascist Germany and the old Anglo-Japanese naval alliance, which was supposedly dissolved at the time of the Washington Conference, has undoubtedly been renewed. England has, of course, not given up her position as chief anti-Soviet organizer, even though she has been forced to consent to the admission of the Soviet Union into the League of Nations.

* Demand Parity.

al parity with the United States and England. The specific form of this equality is also to be on the basis of global tonnage and not by individual types of ships. This is strenuously opposed by the United States. The reason for this insistence by the Japanese on global tonnage parity is that, due to the large number of naval bases and fortified islands possessed by them, a fleet of even less total tonnage but made up of small fast cruisers, submarines and aircraft carriers, would actually be superior to a similar U. S. or British fleet.

To further these demands Japan is pushing herself forward as the shock troop of the imperialist world. Of course, under the guise of being the maintainer of "peace, law, and order" in Asia. As Matsuzao Nagai, Japanese Ambassador to Germany and recent Vice Minister of Foreign Affairs, puts it, "Rather than an aggressive move, a Japanese navy equal to those of the other powers signatory to the naval limitations treaty would be a move in the interests of peace. No one knows what the future holds in store for the Far East. China is unsettled." (What he means here is that the tremendous growth of the Chinese Soviets threatens to kick all imperialist robbers, Japan particularly, out of the country.)

"Russia is in a desperate economic plight." (This is rich. The only sense that can be made out of this statement in view of the gigantic accomplishments under the first and now second Five Year Plans, is that the economic might, not plight, of the Soviet Union makes it desperate for Manchuria's oil and petroleum,

Japan.) He concludes, "It is up to Japan to keep peace (sic) out there. She must have a bigger navy to do so."

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* Battle for Oil.

That wars are a logical result of the struggle for markets and spheres of influence or in other words, the natural consequence of the continued existence of capitalism, has seldom been so clearly exposed as in the present conference. The ugly clash of oil monopolies no longer looms in the background, but openly appears at the conference tables.

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concerns will effectively block them out.

* Independence Farce.

British, American and Dutch oil representatives have pointed out what everybody knows, that Manchukuo's independence is a farce. They stated at the Japanese Foreign Office that 40% of the stock of the Manchukuo Oil Company is owned by the South Manchurian Railway, and the government owns 50% of the railway's stock. Further, that the president of the Manchukuo Oil Company, Keizaburo Hashimoto, is also president of the Nippon Oil Co. (Japanese Oil Trust), and finally is the brother-in-law of General Takashi Hishihari. Hishihari is the Japanese ambassador at Hsingning and Commander-in-Chief of the Japanese army in Manchuria.

* The Last Say.

This brings the major questions of the London Conference right into our own back yard, as it is through the Pacific Coast ports, chiefly San Pedro and the East Bay oil refinery ports, that most of this oil goes to the Orient. In case of the armed outbreak of this controversy, the final decision will be given, not by diplomats at London or Washington, but by the workers in California refineries and oil fields.

How near this outbreak is can be seen in startling fashion by the bitterness of the present conference. The imperialist powers can no longer keep their war preparations hidden away. As part of its "conversations" at London, U. S. imperialism moved its Atlantic battle fleet through the Panama Canal into the Pacific Ocean and is preparing to carry through maneuvers around Alaska. The talk is accompanied by actual war moves.



By MICHAEL QUIN

You can judge a social order by its culture and by its institutions of learning. What students today are unable to learn out of the highly expurgated college text books, they are learning off the ends of policemen's clubs.

From institutions designed to cultivate intelligence and disseminate knowledge, American universities have degenerated into bulwarks against learning. All true education today results in an indictment of the capitalist system which the schools are designed to uphold. University heads are fighting a losing battle against the intelligence of their students.

When lies and demagoguery no longer serve to shackle youthful minds, authorities do not hesitate to exert brutal force. In Germany, Italy, Austria, Bulgaria and other countries in a slightly more advanced state of decay than the U.S.A., education has been reduced to a minimum. Schools and colleges become military training camps and the great masses of people are cut off from learning altogether.

At U.C.L.A., five student leaders are suspended for the heinous crime of wanting to organize an open forum in which to pose vital questions carefully avoided in the regular curriculum. Provost E. C. Moore endeavors to incite the more reactionary students to form gangs of hoodlums to terrorize students who demand their rights of free speech.

At Santa Clara College the student editor of the campus paper is expelled for writing anti-war editorials. These and hundreds of similar incidents occurring in schools throughout the country are endeavored under the virtuous pretense of "defending American freedom."

The result is a rapidly developing movement that threatens to turn American campuses into battlefields. Police are knocked down and hurled bodily off the campus by demonstrating students. They came to the universities to be educated, not clubbed. Education, like wages, has become a demand that can only be won by militant organization and use of the strike weapon.

The Century of Progress, with its fan dancers, peep shows, saloons and college boys pulling rickshaws is the best gauge we have of the nation's culture. It closed last week in a gigantic drunken orgy in which thousands of hoodlums ran wild, looting, bottling, pillaging and destroying. Sacks were thrown, buildings were wrecked and policemen heaved into the lagoons. When Sally Rand refused to give a last performance of her bubble dance, the outraged mob of "culture seekers" stormed the building and left it a tangled mass of wreckage. Strip dancers and scantily clad peep show girls were obliged to flee before the onslaught of a thousand drunken "art lovers" trying to seize them as souvenirs.

BUILD THE RECRUITING DRIVE!

The following telegram was today received from Comrade Earl Browder:

"TAKE ALL NECESSARY STEPS TO DRAMATIZE INTENSIFY RECRUITING DRIVE IN CONJUNCTION WITH NOVEMBER 17th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS AND REMAINING ELECTION ACTIVITIES STOP DRIVE EXTENDED TO JANUARY TWENTY FIRST STOP SEND ARTICLES ON RECRUITING DRIVE IMMEDIATELY FOR PUBLICATION IN OUR PRESS." EARL BROWDER.

To date, we have received almost no reports on the recruiting progress from any of the sections. In the recruiting column of week before last, we asked the comrades to gather their contacts together, perhaps in a private home, and have a leading comrade to talk to them. Has this been done in any of the sections? If so, let us have your report on the success of these meetings.

Some of our sections are falling down badly as regards dues and recruiting. In the last two weeks, the following sections have signed up new members: San Francisco, North Beach, Waterfront, Downtown, Mission and Fillmore have all brought in some new members, but not nearly enough. Of the sections outside of San Francisco, these sections have recruited new members: Los Angeles, Fresno, Monterey, San Mateo, Merced, and San Diego. What is the matter with the rest of you sections? Why don't we hear from you on why you haven't been getting new recruits? East Bay hasn't recruited any members for several weeks now, and this goes for many of the smaller sections.

EVERY MEMBER GET A MEMBER

Don't let your section get behind. It is up to every individual comrade in the Party to see that he brings in at least one new member during the next two weeks. Don't wait for the leading functionaries in your section to take the lead. Get a group of your contacts together today, and see how many you can sign into the Party.

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[] I want more information about the Party.

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Railway Workers Plan Struggle for Better Conditions

RAILROAD UNITY CONFERENCE IN 4 POINT PROGRAM

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 3.—The Railroad Unity Movement had a conference in San Francisco Sunday, Oct. 28, 1934. The conference, while it did not have such a large attendance, represented six crafts of the industry as well as five division points in the state.

Discussion was very interesting, healthy and enthusiastic. The brothers present went home with a program and a determination to build the Railroad Unity Movement in the state of California.

The conference elected 16 to a temporary State Committee which will be responsible for the coordination of the work and who will work with groups that are organized and build more groups. The conference adopted a four-point program:

1. Six hours per day; no reduction in pay.
2. Pension: (1) That no more than 2% can be taken from the pay. (2) Money taken from the pay for any reason he or she may leave the service of the company. (3) To get the amount payable to the pensioner increased to meet the high cost of living.
3. The return of the 10% wage cut at once and a 20% increase of pay to meet the rising prices of living.
4. Unemployment Insurance Bill HR 7598.

Meetings are already being arranged in three different division points in the state where the chairman of the new elected State Committee will speak.

—A Railroad Worker.

Glendale Socialists, Communists In Unity Against War, Fascism

GLENDAL, Calif., Oct. 26.—Fifty anti-fascists attended the organizational meeting of the American League Against War and Fascism here last night in Socialist Hall where members of the Socialist and Communist Parties took joint action against war and fascism.

Speakers were Rev. W. C. Hodgson of the Glendale First Methodist Church, Seema Matlin, secretary of the Los Angeles committee, Mrs. Anna Barnett, delegate last summer to the International Women's Congress Against War and Fascism in Paris and Major Helmer Bergman. Although the Socialist local in Glendale wrote their National Executive Committee for permission to enter a united front officially with the Communist Party, no answer has been received. In the meanwhile, unofficial joint actions will continue.

A weekly open forum under nonpartisan auspices with joint participation is being formed.

3,500 Pack Final Election Campaign Rally In S. F.

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 5.—Three thousand, five hundred workers defied police intimidation last night by packing Dreamland Auditorium to hear Communist Party candidates expound the Communist election platform. Despite the continuous campaign of slander in the capitalist press against the Communist Party, these workers turned out to find out for themselves about the Party that not only advocates better conditions during election periods, but gets out and fights for them all the year round.

Although scores of plain clothes policemen were on hand both inside and outside the hall, ready to seize upon the slightest opportunity to create a disturbance, the workers maintained perfect discipline.

Candidates and speakers who addressed the throng were, Alexander Noral, candidate for Congress, 14th District; Mini Carson, candidate for Congress, 4th District; Leo Gallagher, attorney for the International Labor Defense, and Sam Day, candidate for Governor. Jack Olson, Young Communist League organizer and candidate for State Senator, 14th District, presided as chairman.

Lincoln Steffens, famous author and newspaper man, was prevented from speaking by ill health. He sent a long tribute to the Communist Party and an appeal for the workers to support it with their votes and join its ranks, in the form of a letter which was read by the chairman.

A voluntary contribution of \$250 was made by the audience to the Communist Party.

Candidate Carson appealed for the workers to vote Communist "for better conditions today and Socialist tomorrow." She stressed that Communism implies not alone a struggle for a better social order in the future but for every immediate demand of the working class.

Sam Darcy emphasized that the principles of the Communist Party are the only principles which are loyal to the fine revolutionary traditions in which true Americanism is rooted. He pointed to the true democracy fought for by Jefferson and Paine in contrast to the industrial Czarism of private capitalists in America today.

"The Communist Party of America would take this country from the bosses and give it back to the American workers," he said, while the hall rang with cheers.

Scottsboro Boys (Continued from Page 1.)

was stopped at Paint Rock station. The sheriff and a gang of deputies combed the train and found the nine Negro boys. The men who had actually been in the fight, knowing what would happen, had jumped off the train long before.

Two white girls dressed as boys were found on the same train. The Negro boys did not even know they were there until the sheriff's search uncovered them. Far from shouting "rape," the girls tried to escape during the excitement. They were mill girls who had been forced into prostitution by the crisis.

They emphatically denied that any of the Negro boys had touched them. But forced by threats of jail, they were compelled to lend themselves to the "rape" frameup. Since that time one of the girls, Ruby Bates, has not only denied the charge but has marched in demonstrations protesting against the frameup.

The doctor who examined the girls declared that they had not been raped. Anxious to incite race hatred and to provoke the white workers against the black, the case was built up to a high state of hysteria. A lynch mob of ten thousand crowded the little town of Scottsboro where the trial was held on April 6. To the cheering of the mob and the blaring of a brass band, eight of the boys were condemned to death and Roy Wright, the youngest, to life imprisonment. No witnesses were called for the defense. The boys were denied the right to choose a lawyer. The fake trial was a brief farce acted out by lynch lawyers and a hand-picked jury.

At this point the Communist Party exposed the frameup in its press and the International Labor Defense mobilized working class protest in every part of the country. Tens of thousands of telegrams rained on Alabama. Competent lawyers were sent to take up the case.

The legal lynching that was intended to fan the fire of race hatred was now uniting the Negro and white workers in struggle. The cry of "Free the Scottsboro Boys!" reached every corner of the earth.

The case was carried to the Alabama Supreme Court and is now being appealed before the U. S. Supreme Court. Only the strength of your protest thrown solidly in back of this appeal can save Clarence Norris and Haywood Patterson from death on Dec. 7. The Scottsboro case has reached a crisis demanding immediate action from your organization. Communicate with the International Labor Defense branch in your city today and join the fight.

Against Campus Fascism



Three of the speakers at the first meeting at U. C. at Berkeley demanding the reinstatement of five leading students at U.L.L.A. Left to right, Israel Shapiro, Harry Conover and Richard Criley.

Soviet Union Salvages Sunken Ships from Ocean Floors

By JOHN HUNT

The World War, the civil war and foreign intervention together deprived the Soviet Union of nearly all of the miserably small pre-war Russian merchant marine. As most of their ships had been constructed in foreign countries, both the plants and the experience necessary to build ships were lacking. In addition to building new ships, Soviet engineers early envisioned the job of raising some of the hundreds of ships that had been sunk during the years of the war. Accordingly, about ten years ago, Epron, or the Soviet organization for salvaging ships, commenced operations.

The technical equipment and skill of Epron has improved steadily in its ten years of existence. First efforts were restricted to small vessels sunk in shallow water in rivers and ports. The tools used were simple cranes, screws, pulleys and ropes.

Gradually new and more efficient machinery was furnished by Soviet factories. It consisted of equipment, large steel pontoons weighing 200 tons, etc. Larger vessels were raised from deep water and under trying conditions.

Epron only raises ships where that is economically profitable; if the ship is old (some of the ships raised have been under water over 40 years), it is sold for scrap iron. If a foreign ship is rescued, it is paid for by its owner according to the law of salvage. Epron itself, and its workers, earn in accordance with the value of the work they do.

One ship rescued this year was the ice-breaker Malign, which hit a rock off the coast of Spitzbergen at the 78th parallel within the Arctic Circle while taking supplies to the Soviet coal mines there. This was the first time in history that a vessel had been rescued in the polar regions.

The task confronting these workers, especially the divers, was tremendous. The vessel was half-sunk, tilted at an angle of 22 degrees, and was in immediate danger of being broken up by drifting blocks of ice. Two and a half months were spent equipping the ice-breaker Lenin for the rescue. The Lenin reached the ship on March 14. The expedition had only ten days in which to repair the vessel and pull it off the ice before breaking up of the ice around would make it impossible to continue.

* Finish On Time. Working nearly 24 hours a day, with practically no sleep, crawling up and down slippery decks entirely covered with ice, it seemed an almost hopeless task. It was below zero most of the time, blizzards threatened to drive masses of ice against the ship and crush it, and the men had to go down in diving suits in the freezing water and repair and cement the holes and cracks. Finally the repairs were completed, the water pumped out, and just fifteen minutes before the ten days were up the ship was pulled off the rocks. The rescue, besides being the first within the polar regions, was made two months before an ordinary vessel would dare to sail that far north.

The raising of the ice-breaker Sadko was another unusual feat accomplished by Epron this year. It had sunk in 110 feet of water, a depth at which it was considered hazardous for divers to work. However, the Epron divers penetrated this depth, dug a number of tunnels under the boat, and laid a steel sheet or frame under it. This sheet was attached to a number of 200-ton steel pontoons, and the vessel raised.

* To Raise Every Good Vessel. The value of the Epron to the Soviet Union is shown by the fact that both the Malign and the Sadko, raised this year, are now in active service as ice-breakers for the Soviet commercial fleet plying the Arctic Ocean between Archangel and the ports and rivers of Asiatic Siberia. Epron intends to raise the Generala, a 6,800-ton English vessel sunk in the Black Sea in 1918, and the 15,000-ton Patagonia, a warship

The results in the subscription drive for 1,300 subs by Nov. 7th will be printed next week, but the drive continues.

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Emma Cutler Case Is Appealed To State Supreme Court

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 2.—Emma Cutler, director of the San Francisco Workers' School, whose appeal from a half-served sentence of six months on a framed-up charge of "vagrancy" has been carried to the State Supreme Court following a denial by the District Court of Appeals, has returned to active duty after a short trip to Los Angeles where arrangements for the continued appeal were made.

Her case is being used to test the constitutionality of the "vagrancy" laws when applied to labor activities, and a flood of protests must pour in on the State Supreme Court to force favorable action.

Emma Cutler is now in charge of the San Francisco Workers' School. New classes being offered by the school include Workers' Self-Defense in Court, to commence Nov. 13.

On Saturday evening, Nov. 17, the school will sponsor a house warming in its new and permanent location. There will be music, entertainment and refreshments, and the admission charge will be 10 cents. The following evening, Sunday, Nov. 18, at 8 p.m., an open forum will be held in the school, which will be the second of a series of regular weekly forums on current questions.

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Turner Hall, 3541 18th St. In addition there will be workers' plays, musical numbers and mass singing. Here, too, the many new workers attracted by the Party's program in the election will be present to hear why a workers' and farmers' government is the only answer to their problems and how it is to be won.

East Bay workers will flock to the reopening of Comrades Hall, 1819 Tenth St., Berkeley, where the Nov. 7th meeting will be held. This hall, smashed during the vigilante raids, has been repaired and repaired by the workers to be more beautiful than ever.

bought by Russia during the World War, and the Caspian, sunk in the Caspian Sea. The Yamal, a 1,500-ton steamer, was raised from a depth of over 100 feet in the White Sea this year.

Like every other organization in the Soviet Union, Epron works according to a definite plan, and its own motto is "to raise every good vessel sunk in Soviet waters." It is at present contemplating raising the Black Sea fleet, sunk near Novorossisk in the Black Sea. At about the time of the Treaty of Brest-Litovsk, the Germans demanded that these ships be turned over to them. There was a fight over what should be done, but finally the revolutionary sailors took control and sank them to keep the Germans from getting them, and then marched away to join the Soviet land forces and a glorious page in history, repelling the foreign invaders and White Guards.

If these vessels are raised, it will be a fitting climax to a long list of achievements for which Epron has won decorations and praises from the leaders of the Soviet Union. Certainly there is no work requiring more energy, resourcefulness, courage, and endurance than that done by Epron as its share towards building a great Socialist state.

C. S. FRAME-UPS (Continued from Page 1.)

of mob action. No arrest was made of any vigilante as a result of these threats.

3.—McAllister has involved movie actors and other notables in a campaign of slander in order to reach the front page.

4.—Failing by third degree methods in the jail to obtain evidence for a C. S. frame up, the 18 workers were brought to trial on a holding charge of vagrancy, with special prosecution. This was to give McAllister time to invent and forge his frame up. A court reporter was used by the prosecution in order to fish for points that might be used in drafting the frame up.

5.—District Attorney McAllister and others concocted the story of the kidnapping of William Hanks in order to poison the public mind against the C. S. victims and lay the foundation for further frame ups.

It is urgently important that all workers, organizations, and sympathizers intensify their drive of protest. Telegrams and letters must be addressed to District Attorney Neil McAllister and Judge Carragher at the City Hall in Sacramento.

Donations and bail loans in the form of cash or property are appealed for by the International Labor Defense, 1005 Market St., San Francisco.

BROTHER OF SEN KATAYAMA TO SPEAK IN L. A.

LOS ANGELES, Nov. 6.—Mizuno, brother of Sen Katayama, will speak at a Sen Katayama memorial meeting on Friday night, Nov. 9, in the Gymnasium of the Cultural Center, 230 So. Spring Street.

Japanese workers of Los Angeles are inviting workers of all other races to attend the meeting. Tom Patterson will speak for the Communist Party.

Katayama, founder of the Communist Party of Japan, died on Nov. 5, 1933, in Moscow, where he was representing the Japanese Party in the Comintern.

Election Results (Continued from Page 1.)

greatly exceed 25,000 votes for Comrade Whitney, out of a total vote of around 200,000 cast. Only three per cent of the vote cast is necessary to retain the position of any political party on the ballot. The same approximate proportion is expected to be maintained throughout the state.

Incomplete returns from Los Angeles gave Anita Whitney 478 votes against 10,848 for Ray Riley. Darcy was leading Dempsey about 3 to 1, having 1,428 votes to 503 for Dempsey.

This is by far the greatest Communist vote ever polled in this city and shows the protest of the workers and sympathizers against Merriam and the armed force used to break the general strike, followed by terrorist raids on workers' halls and homes.

The previous highest Communist vote was 13,000 cast for Louise Todd for supervisor three years ago.

* Protest Vote. Sinclair's vote, as in the primaries, was a huge protest against the continued returns of militia rule of Merriam and the Chambers of Commerce, Industrial Association, and finance corporations he represents.

Every effort was used to intimidate the voters against registering a strong working class vote. All police were put on extra duty around the polls during the day, and the papers previous to the election were filled with stories of voters being challenged and perhaps arrested if they were on the "suspicious" list. The ones against whom this was particularly used were in the working class precincts downtown, south of Market St.

In Los Angeles, 3,572 extra deputies were sworn in and stationed at the booths to prevent some 24,000 voters, almost all of them workers, from casting their ballot, the pretense being that these were falsely registered.

Using their usual tricks to try to cut down the Communist poll, voting machines in dozens of booths were jammed on the Darcy lever, while all the rest of the machine worked O.K. Many had not the paper rolls on which the name "Fat Chambers" could be written in, until late in the day.

None of the Communist returns can yet be secured from official quarters, and the tabulations listed above on Comrade Whitney are the result of comrades going to the booths and getting the tabulations, while all the rest of the returns will be printed in the next issue of the Western Worker.

S. F. TRIALS (Continued from Page 1.)

now out on bail furnished by the I. L. D.

Trials for Dave Lyon and Jack Olson, young workers arrested during the July raids and charged with "vagrancy" have been set for January 2. Lyon is editor of the "Young Worker Supplement," official West Coast organ of the Young Communist League. Olson is the Y. C. L. district organizer and Communist candidate for State Senator, 14th District. Workers are urged to pack the courtroom for all these trials. Persons able to loan cash or property for bail or who were witnesses to any of the police and hoodlum attacks that accompanied these arrests, please communicate with the International Labor Defense, 1005 Market St., San Francisco.

CAMPUS FASCISM (Continued from Page 1.)

student editor of the campus paper was expelled for writing anti-war editorials. Feeling is high on the San Jose Teachers' College campus against reactionary mouthpieces of President Chas. McQuarrie. Threats of strikes and protest actions are heard from every campus in the state.

Immediate protests must be written or wired to Dr. Robert G. Sproul, U. of C. at Berkeley, and Provost Ernest C. Moore, U. of C. at Los Angeles, protesting dismissals and demanding unconditional reinstatement of all students.

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UNITED FARMERS (Continued from Page 1.)

the pigs, but to the middlemen, the processors and the distributors. Less pork is now being sold and the farmer's net income is even smaller than it was last year.

All over the world, the farmers are further being depressed by the capitalist class to the status of serfdom. California farmers are beginning to see their own problems in the light of international capitalism and the U.S.A. represents the vanguard of these class-conscious elements.

Each United Farmers' League local is entitled to send a delegate for every five members. Other farm organizations are entitled to send fraternal delegates and are urged to do so. Further information in regard to the convention may be obtained by writing the United Farmers' League, 232 Second Ave., Duinba, Calif.

HERNDON IN L. A. (Continued from Page 1.)

and Clarence Norris, from legal lynching by the Southern white ruling class on Dec. 7.

Efforts are being made to have Herndon speak in San Francisco and other cities of California. At the same time, Herndon's appearance on the coast will serve to strengthen the mass campaign for his own freedom. His own appeal will also be argued before the United States Supreme Court at the coming session. Just as mass protest must be the deciding factor as to whether the Scottsboro boys shall live or die, so in the case of Angelo Herndon it will either force that court to free the heroic young Negro worker and leader or allow it to send him back to certain death for Negro and white in the struggle for bread and security.

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Editorial Column

Sinclair's Desertion of The Workers

The stampede of the Democratic politicians off the Sinclair bandwagon doesn't mean that the capitalist politicians fear either Sinclair or his "program."

The masses of workers and poor farmers who followed Sinclair are what frighten the capitalist politicians in the Democratic party, these class forces stirred up in the fight against Merriam and which Sinclair can not control.

It is crystal-clear that the workers whose protest against Merriam's gunthug and militia rule gave Sinclair the nomination, are not in the same position Sinclair now occupies. They still stand for a fight against this oppression and terrorism. But Sinclair, frantic to get the endorsement of Wall Street's Roosevelt administration, dumped his Epic plan. He has since been dumped by the capitalist politicians. In this bellycrawling he lost a great deal of the support of the workers and it was no longer certain he can swing them with him. Those he lost were the most class-conscious, most militant, most able to see through his trickery. They would fight him as readily as they would Merriam.

The plan in using Sinclair was to try to swing the protest of the masses away from the Communists. Sinclair's betrayal of his followers in the latter stages of the campaign only proved to the Democratic bosses that he could not be depended upon to do their work.

The workers who still voted for Sinclair, fooled into believing he was lying to the bosses and would keep faith with them, should, with Merriam returned to office, realize that the man who betrayed them in the campaign only served to divert their vote into safe channels and away from swelling the strong protest, which their support behind the Communist candidates would have been. Sinclair followers, seeing this and knowing they can not expect anything from Upton, should join the struggle led by the Communist Party and in that fight win what Sinclair pretended to promise—better conditions for all workers and farmers.

Repudiate Deitrich's Treachery!

One of the foulest recent examples of treachery is that given by Eugene Dietrich, Business Agent of the San Francisco local of the International Longshoremen's Association.

In a last minute election leaflet he urges longshoremen and other members of organized labor to co-operate with the worst enemies of labor—he urges the re-election of Judge Steiger.

The leaflet appears simultaneously with paid advertisements in the local papers wherein a so-called "War Veterans' Committee" urges all citizens "to report immediately to police the distribution of false, anonymous, unsigned, unidentified Communist propaganda now being circulated by the opponents of Judge Steiger." Needless to say, the alleged unsigned propaganda is not being circulated by the Communist Party and is in fact probably non-existent. The whole appeal is the usual lies to be expected from the likes of Steiger, the police and other labor enemies. And this is the company Dietrich aligns himself with!

Despite the mass arrests of workers whose only crime was helping the marine workers struggle, and Steiger's railroading them to jail without even the pretense of a trial, Dietrich claims that "Steiger was fair in every case."

Is the framing of workers who fought to help the longshoremen and other marine workers, and whose prejudice and ranting flag-waving on the bench gave what sanction he could to the further raids and mass arrests of workers, is this what Dietrich calls "fair" and "a credit to a true American Court of Justice"? Dietrich urges that labor back Steiger "because he has always been endorsed by the Union Labor Party"—a "party" organized solely to back the Rossi machine, whose police murdered workers on the waterfront in the strike.

All honest workers, every longshoreman who fought that strike and knows the part Rossi, the police and Steiger played, will lose no time in repudiating Dietrich and his foul move to back the worst enemies of labor.

Fight Compulsory Arbitration

More than two thousand strikers of the Atlantic & Pacific Tea Company are reported going back to work Monday, not because they won their strike, but because their leaders put over compulsory arbitration on them.

The strike, which threatened to spread to every important city on one coast to the other, is thus sold out into another of the infamous "victories" that the A. F. of L. fatboys so dearly love. This action of the Cleveland "leadership" represents the first break in the ranks of labor to Roosevelt's scheme to legalize all strikes through his "six-month truce."

The viciousness of the action was at once apparent. Francis Gorman, who betrayed the textile strike, lost no time praising this handing over of labor in chains to the tender mercy of boss arbitration boards. He now urges President Sloan of the Cotton Textile Institute that they at once confer to set up machinery for collaboration between his gang and the bosses.

"It may not be possible to create a joint council," he said, "but I want the industry to know the attitude of the union."

Fortunately for organized labor, he does NOT speak for the union. Its rank and file have bitterly denounced the betrayal he recently engineered and though forced to arbitration, are still holding their ranks strong for further struggles. Under their pressure Gorman was forced to sanction 28 new strikes of the textile workers. Gorman is frank in admitting that by thus preventing strikes, business and profits will be helped. Restoring the industry "completely to a peace basis" is his aim, instead of fighting for complete unionization of the industry, the removal of the scabs.

To give in to compulsory arbitration as Wall Street and Roosevelt want is to take from workers their best weapon—the strike. In the recent strike wave which this move aims to knife, the victories that were won were only when a militant rank and file control prevented these sellouts.

Let every A. F. of L. union send resolutions protesting this action of the Cleveland leadership, and to Francis J. Gorman, before this move to outlaw strikes goes any further.

Fight for your fundamental right to strike for better conditions and against wage cuts!

Mao Ti Ling

By ALFRED HAYES

The Kuomintang cut from its roots the tongue of Mao Ti Ling
And Nu Shei they buried to the throat in hot sand;
And the black ravens plucked his eyes. And Li Pu
Knelt in the dust of the railroad yard and they struck
His head from his shoulders and the dogs licked dry
The great pool of his blood.

And this was in Hupeh Province
In our village which lies beyond the Great Wall,
In the season of floods when our harvest failed
And the peasants slew the stewards and burned down
The governor's house.

And the famine in our village
Was such the mice feared to squeak in the fields
And even the lean ribbed curs cowered and hid.

Mao Ti Ling alone of the arrested comrades returned from prison.
His mouth was a sealed fountain; the cataract crying
ALL LAND TO THE PEASANTS! eyed by the Kuomintang.
And the summer passed and the forest turned and snow
Fell upon the mountains. And the old men died
First and the young men grew weak upon their knees
And some went off to join the armies and some
Went up into the mountains with clubs and knives in their hands.
Mao Ti Ling went among us that season of death
With treacher written over in characters of blood
Daubed from his pierced thigh. And those who could read
Spoke aloud for Mao Ti Ling:
ALL LAND TO THE PEASANTS!

And that was the season
We rose again with scythes and clubs and slew
The landowners and drove the guard away and divided the land
Among us. And Mao Ti Ling
Had no tongue but his voice was loud in China,
The million tongues from Tsitsihar to Chengtu

"Take Either One—They're Both My Boys!"

—By Colly.



CENTURIES OF PROGRESS

By EMMETT KIRBY

In the long history of the human race coming up from the dark caves and out of the jungles, seventeen years is but a snap of the fingers.

And when, in that short flash of time, one-sixth of the world can remake its whole life and character as the U. S. S. R. has done, that spark fires the hearts of the downtrodden of the world over and turns their faces to the workers' and farmers' government that within the span of their present lives they will make the model of their own.

Seventeen years ago, in the crowded hall of the First Congress of Soviets, Lenin made what was his first appearance to most of those delegates and simply stated, "We will now begin to build the Socialist State."

As it was translated by delegates among themselves so that all dialects and languages understood it, they nodded their heads and the applause was so prolonged that Lenin could only stand silent and wait for the pent-up storm to finally subside. This was the dream in their own heads; this was why they had come—from Siberia, the Caucasus, from all parts of the Russian Empire, workers, peasants, soldiers, sailors, white, Mongolian, every race.

The rifles of the new Red Guard, the armed men of the factories, were still to be heard in Moscow. They were not finally put aside until three years later after the Civil War and the interventionist armies were driven beyond the last boundary. Then the workers and peasants could look again to their own country and start building, absolutely from scratch, a country devastated by seven years of war.

* Lead in Pig Iron.

Now, today, so great have been their victories in rebuilding, that in September they led the world in the production of pig iron, the U. S. S. R. nose out Germany and Great Britain and finally the United States. Even the United States now admits that the U. S. S. R. is second in the production of rolled metal and steel. These three, the basic production of any modern industrial country, with the production of coal and development and extension of electric power and the collectivization of agriculture, were the main fronts on which the struggle was carried on.

It was the most momentous, the most herculean task any part of the human race ever set for itself. But it was their own fight, and the spoils of victory would be theirs and their children's, not merely added wealth for a few.

Fighting up through the NEP period, when it was necessary for the exhausted working class to "take a blow," regain their strength, and for the length of this breathing space permit the petty bourgeoisie to continue producing and trading, the heavy industries remained in the hands of the workers under the planned leadership of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union. During this period great progress in consolidation and advances were made. A new creative spirit and energy, unchained by the revolution, grappled with new problems in a new way.

Lenin, leader of the party, died in 1924, but immediately in answer nearly a million workers sought admission into the Party ranks to try to fill the gap.

* Collectivization

Then began the first Five Year Plan. The tremendous task took on its sharpest form—the destinies of one hundred and sixty million people were to be shaped according to their own plan; work and sacrifice, and life itself had a goal. In 1930 the greatest mass movement in history was seen, the first huge coming over of millions of peasants to collectives, agriculture, which had proven its superiority the year before on state farms, the change of a whole mode of living and

individuals, ambushed by remnants of a class that realized it was facing extinction as exploiters, that its former privileges were being swept away. The capitalist world tried to hide its head, ostrichlike, then to deny before on state farms, the change of a whole mode of living and

Banners of Victory



Shock brigaders marching with the flags they won for executing their part of the Five Year Plan.

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Leaders of the Great Program



Members of the Central Committee of the Communist Party, Soviet Union, respond to the cheers of the workers while entering the Red Square for the Nov. 7th celebration. Left to right, Michael Kalinin, Stalin, and Voroshilov.

The Man Who Did Not Applaud

A SHORT STORY
By SEIKICHI FUJIMORI

I suddenly noticed him. A peculiar type indeed—why doesn't he join in the applause?

The whole assembly greeted the speaker's burning words with rounds of hearty applause. The sound of clapping as it filled the hall was like a storm. Many cried aloud in their excitement. "Right for you!" "Quite true!"

"The police arrested all the comrades!"

"They're increasing armaments, but as for unemployment insurance . . ."

At this moment the police, who formed a cordon round the hall, brandished their swords menacingly. This had no effect on the meeting. The revelations of the colossal growth of armaments and the astronomical figures for expenditures on the war industry proved too convincing. Then they went on to expose the preparations being made for fresh bloodshed—all carried on under the cover of pacifist phrases and paper pacts. This meeting of protest against the threatened war had turned into a trial of its instigators, with the crowded audience as jury. The heated addresses of the prosecutors, eagerly seized upon by the jury, left no doubt concerning the crushing verdict. For defendants there were these gendarmes encircling the hall, visible representatives of the criminal system on trial.

Should the gendarmes resort to force, they would find themselves up against a huge agitated mass

of workers, silently clenching their fists and ready to defy provocation. This, the defendants—the gendarmes—understood perfectly, and so they contented themselves with malicious glances and the brandishing of swords.

The trial of the war-makers continued in full swing.

But why is this one man so indifferent? He sat next to me. His pale face was distorted by a huge scar. And under his right eye there was a deep wrinkled cavity instead of a cheek bone. Apparently some shrapnel had smashed the bone. The right eye, above the cavity, had an uncanny stare. He wore the rough khaki clothes of a laborer, and in every respect looked like an elderly worker. His lips were pressed tightly and he stared at the speaker fixedly.

"The scoundrel! Why does he stare so? Why does he glare at the speaker's face as if he were noting every detail?"

It's plain, the last war did not decorate him enough! Just look at that mark, the mercenary dog!

What more does he want? I am only sorry that the gun which sent millions of honest workers to their graves didn't consign the whole of your ugly mug to hell! I looked at him challengingly and stubbornly. He didn't clap once the whole time, nor make a single exclamation. It seemed as if the orator's words had no effect on him.

A strange feeling came over me. Either he is a novice in the spy business or else a hardened old wolf.

"Look here," I shouted aloud, unable to hold myself and paying no attention to the speaker.

Just then a strange light seemed to shine in his eyes. Funny. Surely the cur can feel something.

The man lifted his arm as if with the intention of clapping but it fell heavily on to his knees.

His eyes glared in the gathering twilight. In an instant the very blood froze in my veins.

On his knees were two artificial arms.

The man had no hands.

How The Chinese Soviet Republic Works

When relief is demanded for the unemployed in the U. S. A., the richest capitalist country in the world, the bankers and bosses, their chambers of commerce, manufacturers' associations and other agents, their press and radio, shout that the budget must be balanced. When the question of unemployment insurance is raised the capitalists cry that WE can't afford it, and their Madame Perkins, their Senator Wagner and their AF of L bureaucrats whittle out plans that amount to no unemployment insurance. When union recognition, closed shop, union hiring halls are demanded, the capitalist class shouts in unison that it interferes with the return of prosperity—a prosperity which daily vanishes further into the past.

In sharp contrast to the U. S. A., China is known to be one of the poorest and most economically backward countries in the world. Neither under the Kuomintang Nationalist government nor under any previous government was there unemployment relief, or social or unemployment insurance known. But what is the situation in the Soviet Republic of this "backward" China?

The constitution of the Chinese Soviet government makes it "the purpose of the Soviet government radically to improve the standard of living of the working class, to pass labor legislation, to introduce the eight hour working day, to fix a minimum wage and to institute social insurance and state assistance to the unemployed as well as to GRANT THE WORKERS THE RIGHT TO CONTROL INDUSTRY."

At the first All-China congress of Soviets, the workers', peasants' and Red Army deputies promptly worked out a labor code which put these purposes into effect. A summary of all the rights established for labor and the trade union organizations cannot be made in one article. Here we are concerned only with the main features of the standards set forth in the code, and enforced by the trade unions and the Soviet government.

The labor code stipulates a maximum eight hour day, with special provisions reducing the working day for dangerous occupations, night work, and for young workers. A minimum wage is established. The social insurance provided includes: a) 15% of the amount of wages paid, but the employer has "no right to interfere in the management of the insurance office." Social insurance is under the control of a commission "appointed by representatives of the trade unions."

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most unanimous free support given to the leadership of the Communist Party, which led the way to the position of being a major industrial country among the nations of the world. In the elections next month, six million new voters will exercise their franchise—and the overwhelming majority of them are former kulaks and petty bourgeois elements now no longer exploiters and profiteers but proud members of the working class. Ninety million, almost the entire eligible population, will vote. No capitalist "democracy" can boast so great a participation in its government as this dictatorship of the proletariat they hate.

Seventeen years have passed since Lenin said, "We will now begin to build the Socialist State." Those seventeen years have seen the progress that seventeen previous centuries could not record—the seizure of power by the working classes and the transition period, under the dictatorship of the proletariat, which is rapidly approaching the realization of that for which the martyrs of the Paris Commune and nameless hundreds of thousands of strikers and other workers gave their lives—Socialism established on the face of the earth.

* They March!

On Nov. 7th more than a million workers will march through the Red Square proudly conscious of the power and the new, free life they have won for themselves. Foreign diplomats on the reviewing stand will silently, fearfully watch a spectacle they know in their hearts will one day happen in the capitalist countries who sent them there to the Red Square—workers from the factories marching with their rifles slung over their shoulders.

And in all other countries the workers will hail with enthusiasm, and a fire renewed in their hearts, that parade throughout the world—the living proof of what the living proof of what happens when the oppressed unite under the Communist Party for a Workers' and Farmers' Government.

'Stevadore' Now In 4th Week In L. A.

LOS ANGELES, Oct. 30.—When Lou Rosser was a longshoreman a few years ago, he did not know that he would relive his experience on the stage. He plays the witty and easy-going "Blacksnake" in the Los Angeles production of "Stevadore" at the Musart Theater.

Other industries and occupations represented in the cast include steel workers, miners, an architect, and even newspapermen. "We don't have to act the part," we live it," they say. "Stevadore" depicting the unity of the Negro and white longshoremen, has already thrilled hundreds of Negro and white workers in Los Angeles. "Stevadore" now in its fourth week in a city where a bourgeois production is lucky to last two, is moving to a major theatre, the former Figueroa Playhouse at Ninth and Figueroa, on Friday.

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